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AN ACT

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; CREATING THE DIVISION OF  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 9, Article 15 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE CREATED--DUTIES.--

A. The "division of international trade" is  
created in the economic development department.

B. The division shall be responsible for  
conducting and coordinating the state's relations with other  
countries and shall promote New Mexico and its products and  
services. The division is created to:

(1) coordinate activities of the department  
and other state agencies as those activities relate to  
improving New Mexico's relations and trade with other  
countries;

(2) promote New Mexico to international  
investors;

(3) promote New Mexico products and services  
to potential international consumers;

(4) establish a central registry for New  
Mexico products and services;

(5) develop, maintain and use a database of

1 potential domestic and international investors and consumers  
2 for New Mexico and its products and services; and

3 (6) foster, coordinate and support the  
4 efforts of individuals and organizations involved in the  
5 promotion of New Mexico and its businesses, products and  
6 services to consumers in other countries.

7 C. The division shall provide periodic reports to  
8 the legislature on its activities and the activities of the  
9 state pertaining to New Mexico's international relations and  
10 trade."

11 Section 2. Section 9-15-30 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1988,  
12 Chapter 80, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

13 "9-15-30. MEXICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION CREATED--DUTIES.--

14 A. The "Mexican affairs division" is created as a  
15 division of the department.

16 B. The division shall be responsible for  
17 conducting and coordinating the state's relations with the  
18 Republic of Mexico and the state of Chihuahua and shall  
19 promote New Mexico products and services in Mexico. The  
20 division is created to coordinate activities of the  
21 department, the tourism department, the cultural affairs  
22 department, the department of transportation, the department  
23 of health, the department of environment, the department of  
24 public safety, the New Mexico-Chihuahua commission, the  
25 border authority and the joint border research institute at

1 New Mexico state university as those activities relate to  
2 improving New Mexico-Mexico relations and trade and  
3 encouraging or funding appropriate border development.

4 C. The division shall provide periodic reports to  
5 the New Mexico finance authority oversight committee on its  
6 activities and the activities of the state pertaining to New  
7 Mexico-Mexico relations, trade and border development."                     

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